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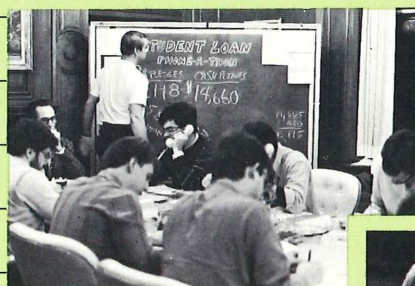


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Cover:
PCOM's Medical Office Building at 4190 City Avenue was dedicated to the memory of Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., during Founders Day ceremonies. The former president devoted 34 years of leadership and service to the college and the osteopathic profession.

Founders Day/Alumni Weekend— 1985



The traditional visit to the gravesites of PCOM's co-founder, Dr. O. J. Snyder, and its late president, Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., was led by President J. Peter Tilley and Dr. Sherwood R. Mercer, professor emeritus and former dean.

Said Dr. Mercer of the co-founder: "In coming together at this gravesite, we honor a founder who touched the lives of thousands through education . . . and imbued the college with spirited independence . . . in so honoring Oscar John Snyder, we renew our allegiance to PCOM." Of Dr. Rowland:

"We remember today a life of cheerful service to our college. For 34 years, day and night Tom Rowland was a presence among us which touched us all. We salute his memory."

J. PETER TILLEY, DO

—Portrait of a President



What's he like, Dr. Tilley? Who is he? You mean he's now *president* of PCOM? I thought he was a radiologist. What does he know about being president?

J. Peter Tilley, DO, 48, a radiologist with dual certification in nuclear medicine, comes to the PCOM presidency from a strong osteopathic tradition. Vice president of operational affairs at the college since May 1984 and chairman of the professional staff for two years, Dr. Tilley was elected the fifth president of PCOM on November 12.

What does he know about the presidency of PCOM?

In the chaotic situation surrounding the death of Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., he attracted the trust and respect of the local PCOM constituencies: board, staff and faculty. Through his many years at PCOM, he was familiar with the political environment and was able to stabilize it in the best interests of the future of PCOM. Dr. Tilley recalls that, "When the need for a transitional leader arose (upon the death of Dr. Rowland), I was glad to help, because I thought I could make some fundamental and important changes."

At the time, says Dr. Tilley, "Many faculty and staff members actively desired a greater voice in policy-making and determining our future. Their access to administration had been limited. After all, there had not been a DO as administrator for a number of years. As head of the medical staff, I had worked to represent their views and use their energies. As president, I have been able to give them an avenue to express their opinions and build PCOM."

During 1983-84, PCOM experienced a historic fiscal deficit. Under Dr. Tilley's "interim" leadership, the institution stopped losing money. Characteristically, he minimizes his accomplishments: "First we hired a fine hospital administrator, Walter Brand.



Then, by cutting out the most outstanding inefficiencies, we moved from the red to the black. In addition to the fiscal innovations, we opened the board to additional professional and alumni members. Because I am a physician, I welcomed the ideas and opinions of the medical staff. I guess I became popular."

There was a crisis on another level when the presidency of PCOM became vacant, he says. "The hostile environment for health-care-teaching and delivering institutions made clear the importance of harnessing the most apparent resources of our profession: osteopathic physicians and our osteopathic tradition of health care." Rallying the support of various factions would be facilitated by having an osteopathic physician as CEO, it appeared.

To the board of trustees, J. Peter Tilley, DO, appeared to have all the qualifications for the executive, academic, fiscal and emotional leadership of the then 85-year-old college. His metamorphosis from clinician to president followed a natural, logical process and was now complete.

The new president is reserved, articulate, sincere and convincing. He looks to precedents before rushing forward. "In many ways, PCOM has sold its soul to its sources of funding," he says. "Now many sources of income have dried up, and what's left? This institution was founded by DOs who were unable to admit their patients to MD hospitals.

They were zealots who believed sincerely and deeply in the osteopathic approach to health care, and they persevered. PCOM enjoyed a period of fairly rapid growth, measured in bricks-and-mortar and in quality and quantity of services and education.

"But the original zealous osteopathic involvement gradually diminished to make way for administrators who were proficient at securing governmental funding for the college. With state and federal government providing incentives for medical education and health care, the distinctions between DOs and MDs became less apparent. Now that government dollars are disappearing, the financing of the college and the hospital is more precarious. Stimuli for growth have disappeared. We're left with what we started with: the osteopathic profession."

The question before us, then, is: Can we return to our osteopathic roots, with its classic emphasis on what is now trendily called holistic medicine, non-drug care, wellness, manipulation and health maintenance? Dr. Tilley, normally taciturn, warms to his subject. "Having a physician as president may facilitate a return to our roots both professionally and administratively."

(Dr. Tilley's personal "roots" in osteopathic medicine are very deep. His father, R. MacFarlane Tilley, DO, PCOM class of 1923, now 84 years old, was president of the AOA; recipient of PCOM's O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal;

and dean of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, from which the new president was graduated.)

The president's conversation turns toward "market segment" and "product differentiation." He ponders the possibility of focusing on existing osteopathic expertise in wellness as PCOM's marketing strategy. At this point, he has more questions than answers. Can we develop programs which will be lucrative? Can we identify businesses, not residences, as our "neighbors" and begin to serve them more aggressively? Can we contact executives and labor unions to offer physical exams and wellness programs? Can we provide day-care services for dependent older people? Can we acquire high-tech apparatus to enter new market areas?

The overall goal, he hastens to reiterate, is to "Let the osteopathic component shine through. We're *different* from an allopathic hospital. It's important that we continue to focus on this difference."

Dr. Tilley sees himself as a "change agent." To effect change, he believes, he must strike a balance between the authority and responsibility to take risks, on one side, and a consensus and support



among his constituencies, on the other side.

In his personal life, Dr. Tilley anticipates minimal changes as a result of his promotion. He will continue to bicycle 20 to 30 minutes on the five-mile journey to

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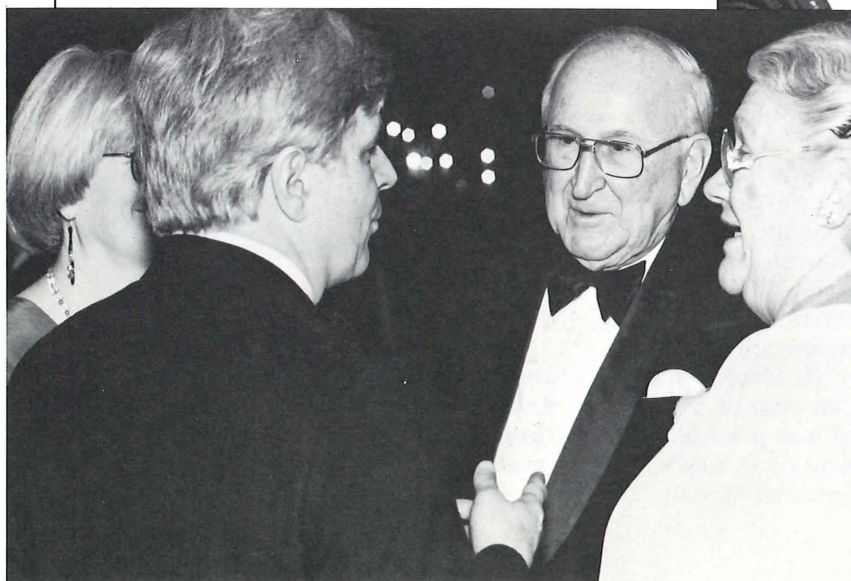
Highlights of Founders Day/Alumni Weekend



Above: The Class of 1935 celebrates a 50th reunion. Front row, l-r, George K. Tomajan, Brookline, Mass.; Ida C. Schmidt, Glenside, Pa.; Mitchell Brodtkin, Philadelphia; Abraham Golden, Wilmington, De. Back row, l-r, Charles Burrows, Bloomfield, N.J.; L. Stowell Gary, Eggertsville, N.Y.; Warren Tucker, Tonawanda, N.Y.; William Prescott, Syracuse, N.Y.; Robert H. Powell, Sewell, N.J.; Maxwell Platt, Pembroke Pines, Fl.; Galen S. Young, Sr., Wallingford, Pa.



Above: Carol Fox, director of admissions and student affairs, and Judge J. Sydney Hoffman, chairman of the board of trustees, unveil a plaque dedicating the Medical Office Building to the memory of Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr.



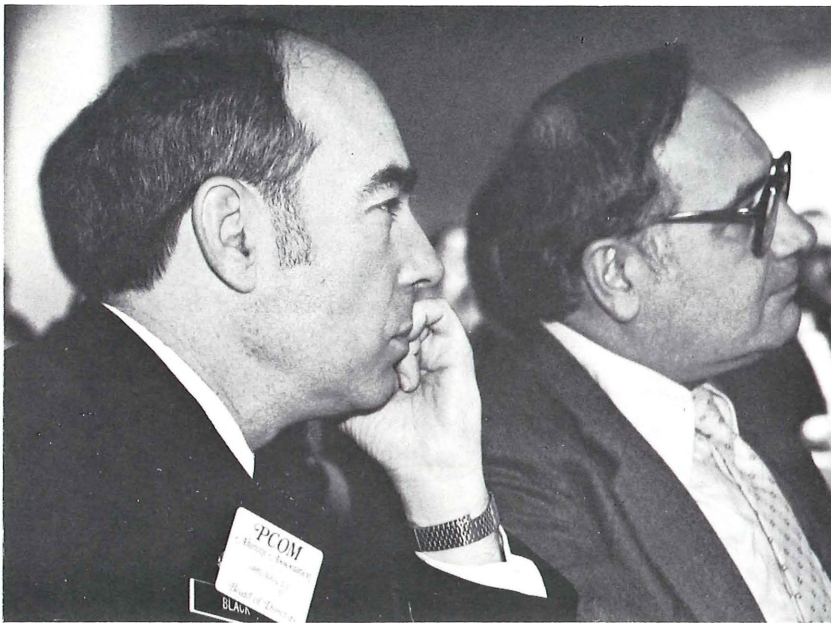
Left: Dr. Galen S. Young, Sr. received two honors at the Alumni Dinner Dance: the O. J. Snyder Memorial Medal for leadership and service, and a medallion as honored member of the 50th anniversary class. President and Mrs. Tilley congratulate Dr. Young and his wife, Jessie.



Above: Newly installed president of the alumni association, Louis Amalfitano '54, right, presents a 50-year medallion to Abraham Golden '35. Eleven members of the class of 1935 were honored at the dinner dance.



Above: Honored alumnus, Al Grilli '48, Pittsburgh, Pa., received a certificate of honor from the alumni association for his service to the college and the profession. Dr. Grilli is vice president of medical affairs, DME and medical director of West Allegheny Hospital, Oakdale, Pa. A certificate was awarded, posthumously, to Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., and was accepted by his brother, Baron, member of the board of trustees.



Above: Attending alumni board meetings during the week-end were: Captain James H. Black '62, left, representing the newly created military district, and chairman of the board's military committee; and Alexander Rodi '58, representative from the New Jersey District, and vice chairman of the military committee.



Right: Edith Incababian '35, Wilmington, De., attended the first of a two-day CME program, but missed her reunion because of a Delaware snow storm.



“Straight Shooter” Receives PCOM’s Highest Award

“I shoot from both hips, but I shoot straight”

—Galen S. Young, Sr., DO '35

As Dr. Galen S. Young perceives osteopathic medical education today, there's been both good and bad news to report. He's pleased that there are additional schools of osteopathic medicine, but he decries the lack of motivation on the part of many students. “We need more students who are committed to the traditional holistic concept of osteopathic medicine,” he says, leaning back in his swivel wooden office chair. “When they graduate, they should display a definite evidence of maintaining a loyalty to the osteopathic profession.”

Dr. Young is not a member of PCOM's admissions committee, but he regularly talks to dozens of students who are considering careers as DOs. If he encountered a college student who had applied to both allopathic and osteopathic colleges, he would not recommend acceptance. “Our students are well trained when they graduate. We need to provide additional osteopathic hospitals, especially in rural areas, or decrease the number of graduates, so that all our graduates can receive post-graduate training in osteopathic medicine. Today, the limited number of internships and residencies we have should be carefully meted out to individuals who will continue to respect and promote the principles of osteopathic medicine.”

It would be hard to find anyone more committed to osteopathic medicine than Galen S. Young, DO, class of 1935, FACOS, FAAO, DSc(hon.). His curriculum vitae is exhausting—and don't dare tell him he ought to consider retiring. After graduating from Elizabethtown College, he received his DO degree from PCOM in 1935 and interned at its 48th Street hospital. He completed an eight-year preceptorship under D.S.B. Pennock, DO, MD, the founder and first chairman of PCOM's department of surgery. He continued surgical studies with Drs. Frank Lahey

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Excerpts from Dr. Young's Founders Day Address

On his Preceptor, D.S.B. Pennock, DO, MD

"After graduating from Kirksville College of Osteopathy, Dr. Pennock studied surgery at Hahnemann Medical College, so that his students could receive accreditation. He became the first certified surgeon of PCO. He was a Quaker by persuasion, precise and patient, qualities which impressed us. Not only did he practice in Philadelphia, but also he was often called to operate on members of the royal family of Great Britain."

On Osteopathic Medicine

"No other profession in the healing arts has grown as rapidly as the osteopathic profession . . . In the early days, we were confronted with problems . . . As late as the '30s and early '40s, we were not permitted to write prescriptions even though we had the DO degree . . .

"Unknown to my medical colleagues I obtained a surgical license in 1942 and was qualified to write prescriptions. Several of my colleagues tried to have me arrested until they found from the State Board of Examiners that I had a surgical license. I also had the good fortune to have as a patient a sena-

tor in Harrisburg . . . who helped to overcome the opposition (to the profession) in the halls of the legislature.

"The physician today must be a scholar for the remainder of his years in practice. Graduation from medical school is only a beginning. The days of mediocrity are passe. We must continually strive for excellence."

On Becoming an Osteopathic Physician

"I had already matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, when my mother became seriously ill and was given six weeks to live. My father sought the services of an osteopathic physician in Lancaster who was also the surgeon, obstetrician, dermatologist and internist. My mother stayed in his small hospital in Lancaster (three converted rowhouses) for two weeks and six weeks later was back doing her housework. She buried all her doctors except one intern (F. Munro Purse, DO), and lived to 90 years of age . . . With that experience I matriculated at PCO."

On the California Decision

"What have we gained? A

stronger profession, a new osteopathic college in California, re-establishment of the Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians in California."

To PCOM Students

"Establish goals, be creative in your thinking, your horizons are unlimited. Do not be the first to accept, nor the last to reject scientific achievement. Remember the institution which afforded you the opportunity to be a physician. Give the best you have in whatever undertaking you may choose and the best will come back to you. Be proud to be an osteopathic physician."

Let us continue to apply and research those concepts and principles established by our founder.

May we be united in our efforts to support the future development of our institution . . . may we always strive for excellence above mediocrity.

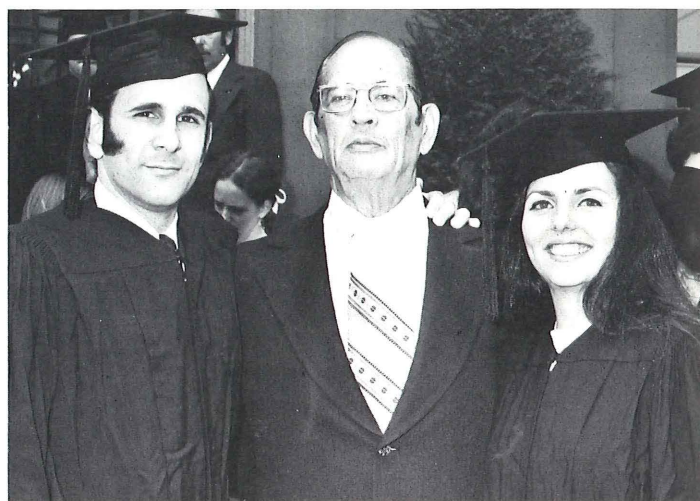
I humbly accept this honor bestowed upon me and express my appreciation to the founders of the institution, and to my peers for giving me the privilege of becoming an osteopathic physician." ■



Reunions and Reminiscences



Although not a reunioner, E. deVer Tucker, DO '27, Clarence, N.Y. joined his brother, Warren '35, at the reunion festivities. Both brothers also attended the Post Founders Day CME Seminar in St. Thomas, V.I.



Left: Maxwell Platt DO '35 (left) Pembroke Pines, Fl., was joined by his son, Arthur '73 and daughter-in-law, Ellen '73 of Cedar Grove, N.J., as he celebrated his 50th anniversary. Twelve years before (above), he joined them in celebrating their 1973 graduation.



Below: Warren Tucker, DO '35, Tonawanda, N.Y., shared this photo of 1934 graduates of PCOM's School of Nursing: l-r the late Mrs. Tucker, Eleanor Servies; Alison Baldwin Antell; Georgiana Varner Baker; Sue Smoker Hummel and Ruth Treager Murphy.





Celebrating reunions with different classes were: the Doctors Ball — Robert '65, and Roberta '80, Philadelphia.



Ida Schmidt, DO '35, member of the 50th anniversary class, shared some of her memories with alumni during the CME programs. She spoke on "Osteopathic Medicine—Then and Now."



Elmer Hess, DO '15, Philadelphia, PCOM's oldest living alumnus by class, celebrated his 70th anniversary this year. Trim and fit at 92, Dr. Hess did not attend the reunion celebration but dropped by the college the week before to donate some treasures to the archival room: a gold watch he won for winning the Penn Relays in 1914; a surgical kit and military hypodermic set; a photo of the class of 1915 and a 1914 Journal of PCOM.

Right: Elmer Hess, DO '15, second from left, captained the winning Penn Relay team in 1914; l-r: S. Gibbs '15; W. Dowd '16; H. Lippincott '17.



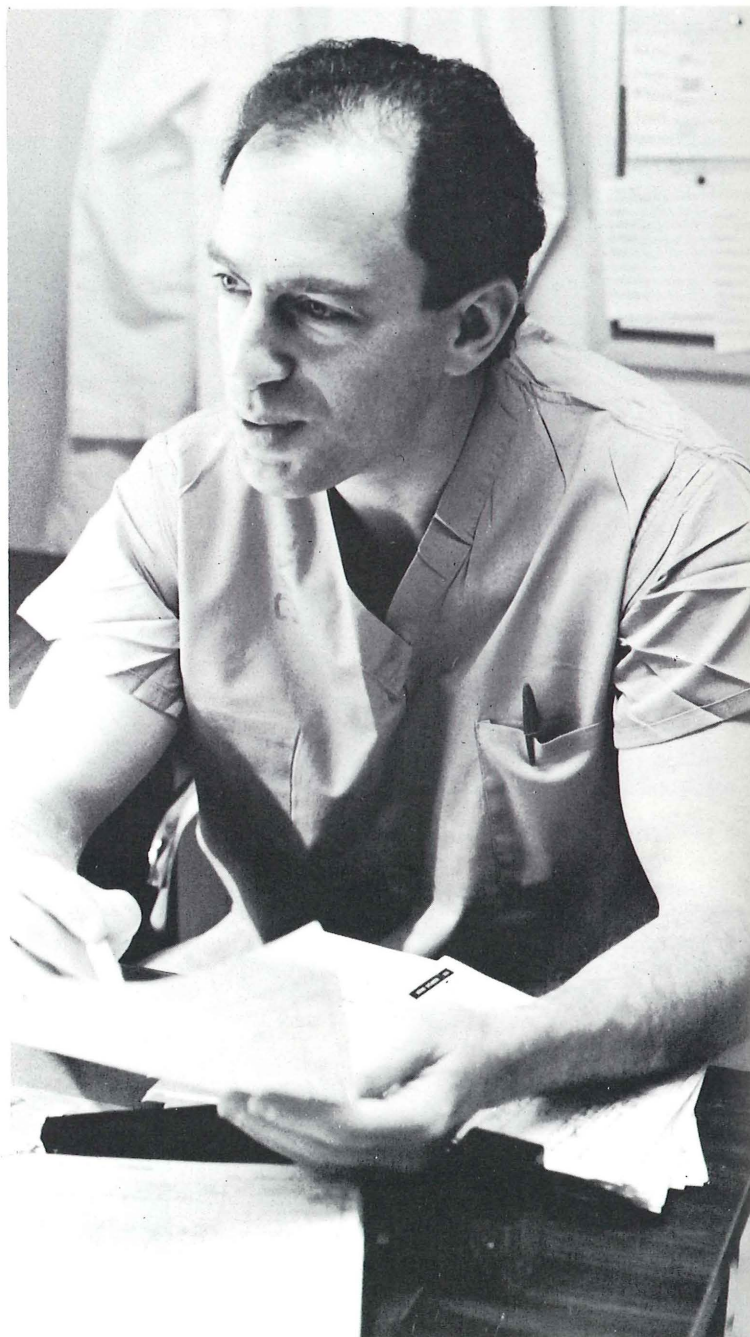
Sherman Leis, DO:

He makes patients look better and feel better

“**L**ooking better makes people feel better. Aesthetic surgery is a surgical treatment that’s performed for psychological reasons. Now that cosmetic surgery is accepted by the medical community and the public, it is the fastest-growing aspect of plastic and reconstructive surgery,” says Sherman Leis, DO, class of 1967, and newly appointed chairman of the division of plastic surgery.

Being an osteopathic physician helps in this highly technical profession, Dr. Leis thinks, “because it forces you to think of the whole patient in evaluating the surgical problem. Also, if you’re sensitive to the problems involving the musculo-skeletal system, osteopathic manipulative therapy can be utilized when appropriate.”

The statistics of his private practice correlate closely with those of the specialty on a national basis: Seventy-five to eighty per cent of candidates for cosmetic surgery are women, with



the percentage of men rising every year. The three most common cosmetic procedures are rhinoplasty, eyelid surgery and breast augmentation. Because of sex differences in employment, more men than women require surgery to correct deformities and scars due to accidental injuries, especially to the hand. Surgery for skin and soft-tissue tumors involves both sexes about equally.

Reconstructive surgery, which deals with deformities caused by congenital problems, accidents, and tumors, are much more complicated. "There's a different challenge each time," says Dr. Leis. In recent months, he has performed two cases of total nose reconstruction, a total jaw relocation, and a one-stage penis reconstruction, which he terms "an ideal technique for loss from tumor or trauma and for transsexual surgery."

He has always been a vociferous crusader for his specialty. He studied and presented scientific papers in two foreign languages before opening his practice in Bala Cynwyd. After his internship at Zeiger/Botsford Hospitals, Detroit, and a four-year surgical residency in Philadelphia, he studied at Hôpital St. Louis, Paris, under Professor Claude Dufourmentel, chief of France's largest plastic and reconstructive surgery center.

He moved to Sweden, where he was the first DO to be licensed to practice medicine. He trained in plastic surgery at the University of Lund, Malmo, under the tutelage of Professor Karl-Eric Högeman, chief of plastic surgery. While abroad, he presented a paper to the Swedish Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Swedish.

Returning to France, he presented a paper to the French Society of Plastic and Reconstructive



B.R. Ringer, Jr., DO, gets a pre-surgical rundown from his preceptor.

tive Surgery in French. Five hundred European surgeons heard the Philadelphia-born osteopathic physician discuss "Cutis Laxa et Anatodermie." This challenge came while he was serving as assistant to Dr. Paul Tessier, the famous surgeon who developed craniofacial surgery as a medical specialty.

After he came back to the United States, he performed several "firsts" in reconstructive surgical procedures (such as total nose reconstruction, total jaw mobilization, total penis construction) in osteopathic hospitals in the city. He was a founding member and first chairman of the section of plastic and reconstructive surgery of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and later drafted requirements for plastic surgery training for the AOA.

Last year, Dr. Leis opened a private center for plastic and reconstructive surgery in a converted 100-year-old house in Bala Cynwyd.

From his first introduction to his specialty, during an externship in Malmo after his second year at

PCOM, Dr. Leis has been committed to obtaining extensive training in plastic surgery, establishing a busy practice and developing the specialty in the osteopathic profession. "It was worth all the extra years of training to be able to perform and teach this surgery." Not only did he get that training—he is making it possible for other osteopathic physicians to do the same, without crossing the Atlantic Ocean and learning Swedish. ■

Last October, PCOM's Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Sherman Leis, DO '67, as chairman of the division of plastic and reconstructive surgery, in the department of surgery. He has been a member of the hospital surgical staff since 1975.

News from The OMCP

The OMCP honored 131 long-term employees at a dinner on November 12. J. Peter Tilley, DO, celebrated his first day as president by presenting awards and gifts during the party, which was held at Williamson's Atop the GSB building. Top honors went to James J. Wolf, director of physical plant, for 25 years of service. Next in line were: Anne McCullen, office of the president, 20 years; Delores Tyson for 20 years in telecommunications; and Doris Washington, LGPN, for 20 years of service in the hospital nursery.



Delores Tyson (left) is congratulated for her 20 years of service, by **James J. Wolf**, director of physical plant, who was himself honored for 25 years.



One of **Dr. Tilley's** first presidential duties was to present a gift for 20 years of service in the president's office to **Anne McCullen** (left).



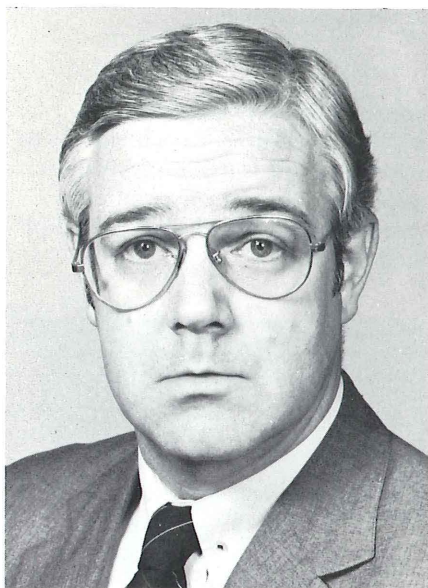
Dr. D'Alonzo

Henry D'Alonzo, FACOS, clinical professor of surgery, has been elected chairman of the 296-member professional staff at The OMCP.

Theodore P. Mauer, DO, FACOO, professor and chairman of ENT, has been elected vice chairman of the professional staff.



Dr. Mauer



Mr. Duncan

Joseph C. Duncan, of Devon, Pa., vice president of Fidelity Bank, has been elected to a three-year term on PCOM's board of trustees. He heads the health care banking division at Fidelity, where he has been an executive since 1972. Before that, he spent three years with Girard Bank. An alumnus of Pennsylvania State University, he holds an MBA from LaSalle College, where he now teaches. He has done post-graduate work at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is active with the United Way and the Florence Crittenton Service of Philadelphia. He is a member of the Health Care Financial Management Association and the Financial Analysts Society of Philadelphia and a fellow of the Financial Analysts Federation.

Ralph C. Palmer, Jr., of Gladwyne, Pa., vice president of industrial and public relations of SKF Industries, has been elected to a three-year term on PCOM's board of trustees. A Philadelphia native, Palmer began his SKF career in 1940. Except for four

years in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, he's been there ever since. He has a degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Other community activities involve the American Swedish Historical Museum, the University of Pennsylvania, the United Way and the Rotary Club.

Robyn R. Weyand, BS, MA, was named assistant to the dean. She will help with administrative projects and assist faculty and staff with grant applications. Previously she served as director of development for the Hospital Educational Research Fund of New York State and as director of grants management at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Her undergraduate and graduate degrees are from the University of Northern Colorado, and she has completed the Health Executives Development Program at Cornell University.

Randy Litman, class of 1988, won the 1984-85 Health Maintenance Organization of Pennsylvania Foundation Scholarship. Litman lives with his wife and two children in Lansdale, Pa.



Mr. Palmer



Ms. Weyand

The National Osteopathic Foundation (NOF) and PCOM have established the **Avallone Memorial Scholarship Fund—PCOM**. The scholarship was established by **Michael F. Avallone, DO**, class of 1959, in memory of his father, Michael J. Avallone. To be eligible, second, third and fourth-year students must reside in the Pennsylvania counties of Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery or Philadelphia, or intend to practice there. The maximum scholarship awarded annually to any one recipient will not exceed \$2,500.

The Auxiliary of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (APOMA) presented to PCOM a hand-made doll of A.T. Still, the founder of osteopathic medicine. The doll, replete with diploma, medical bag and doll stand, is displayed in the college archival room. The APOMA is selling the limited edition doll for \$45. For information, or to order, write to Elissa Samberg, 101 Suncrest Road, Lancaster, Pa. 17601.

News from the Alumni Office

Past President's Council

At the alumni board of directors meeting, January 26, a motion was passed adding a past president's council to the association by-laws. After a one-year term as past president, a director will automatically become a life member of the council with the rights and privileges of current directors. The council will have one representative vote on all issues. Past presidents are invited to all functions and meetings.

Capital Campaign Completed

Founders Day/Alumni Weekend marked the successful completion of the \$4 million capital campaign. Statistics and names of donors will be published in the near future.

Revival of Annual Giving and Key Clubs

The annual giving program and key clubs for donors, started in 1975 by Dr. Thomas M. Rowland, Jr., will be reinstated this year. The Silver Key Club is open to members with a minimum donation of \$250; the Gold Key Club, minimum donation, \$500; and the President's Club with \$1000.

Student "Phone-A-Thon"

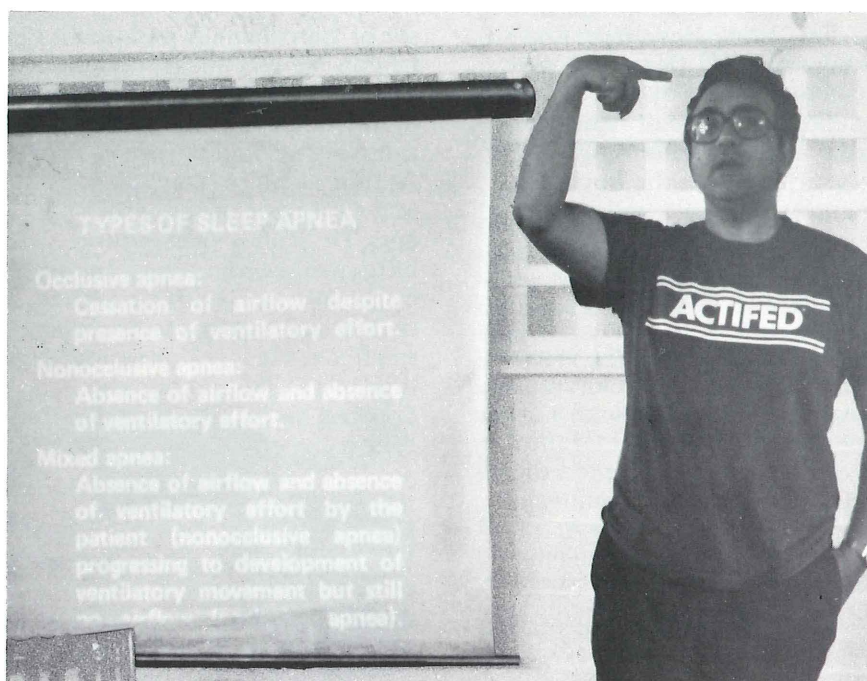
Faced with dwindling sources of financial aid, PCOM students started the college's first Student Loan Phone-A-Thon. Reaching out to alumni in the Philadelphia area, 50 students called for donations over a five-day period. The results: \$20,185 pledged; plus an unspecified amount from 215 DOs; plus a \$5,000 pledge from the alumni board of directors; plus plans to make it an annual event.



Some worked . . .

Post-Founders Day CME Program in St. Thomas

A week-long Post-Founders Day CME Program was coordinated by the executive director of alumni relations, Hale T. Peffall, Jr. The program was held in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and drew an attendance of 50 guests. The faculty included John Simelaro, DO, chairman of pulmonary medicine; David Bevan, DO, chairman of rheumatology; George Guest, DO, chairman, psychiatry; Daniel L. Wisely, DO, chairman of general surgery; J. Vincent Huffnagle, DO, director of special and continuing education; Richard Koch, DO, member of PCOM's board of trustees and alumni board; and Louis Martini, DO, member of the alumni board and assistant to the treasurer of the association. Look for an annual repeat at various locations in St. Thomas.



Some played . . .



And all had fun!



Faculty Notes

William J. Gilhool, DO, chairman of gastroenterology, wrote an article on "Endoscopic Diagnosis and Removal of a Duodenal Wall Gastrinoma" which appeared in the September issue of **American Journal of Gastroenterology**.

This article reports the world's first known cure of a patient with otherwise normal physiology suffering from a duodenal wall tumor that secretes gastrin.

Michael Kirschbaum, DO, associate professor and chairman of cardiology, has been thrice praised. Recently named (1) the only osteopathic physician on the Executive Advisory Committee of the American College of Nuclear Cardiology, he also is (2) a member of the Council on Critical Care for the American College of Chest Physicians, of which (3) he is soon to be elected a Fellow.

Two faculty members were named in **Philadelphia Magazine's** November listing of "The Best Doctors in Town." They were **Dennis Graham, DO**, chairman of the department of neurology, and **David Bevan, DO**, chairman of the division of rheumatology.

Benjamin A. Rubin, PhD, has been appointed research professor of microbiology and public health. He recently retired after 24 years with Wyeth Laboratories in microbiology, immunology, radiobiology and bioengineering. Author of more than 150 papers and developer of numerous patents, Dr. Rubin invented the bifurcated needle, which was used by the World Health Organization in its campaign to eradicate smallpox. He is volunteering his time to PCOM and has also donated his private library to the college.

James M. Esper, DO, and **Ronald W. Pearson, DO**, clinical assistant professors of surgery, were elected fellows of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) at the annual meeting in New Orleans last year. Both are members of the staff of Millcreek Community Hospital.

Michael Mahalik, PhD, assistant professor of pharmacology, received a two-year AOA grant for his project "Evaluation of Var-

ious Antihypertensives in the Isolated Perfused Human Placenta."

Henry W. Hitner, PhD, associate professor of pharmacology, is co-investigator. Also, Dr. Mahalik's research linking cocaine use to birth defects was discussed in the December 26 issue of *Medical Tribune*, an international medical news weekly.

Stephen D. Smith, DMD, FAGD, clinical associate professor and director of the Temporomandibular Center, presented a lecture program on TMJ disorders and craniofacial pain to the Philadelphia Dental Clinic Club at the Union League in Philadelphia in January. The Dental Club is the oldest dental study organization in the United States. Also, Dr. Smith is program director of the 1985 Acapulco Conference sponsored by the Temporomandibular Center for PCOM on TMJ disorders and craniofacial pain. For physicians, dentists and physical therapists, the conference is scheduled from March 31-April 5 at the Acapulco Princess Hotel, Mexico.

CORRECTIONS

Norman F. C. Baker, DO, (PCOM '63), associate professor of ob/gyn, at Ohio University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (OU-COM) wrote to correct a statement in the fall Digest, "PCOM is thought to be the first osteopathic college to adopt the program"—(the "pelvic model" program) using trained patients to teach clinical skills to students. Dr. Baker said that OU-COM has had a simulated patient laboratory since 1978 in which all types of clinical examinations are

taught, and that Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine has had a similar program for some time.

In the New Appointments section of the fall Digest, **Patrick J. Becher, DO**, assistant professor, ob/gyn, completed a four-year residency (not three, as stated) and is a candidate for certification by the American Osteopathic Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Alumni News Briefs

1927

Herman Kohn, Largo, Fl. — appointed to the medical advisory committee of St. Petersburg Junior College; and appointed to the honorary staff of Sun Coast Hospital.

1950

C. W. Elliott, Largo, Fl. — selected "Distinguished Osteopathic Surgeon of the Year" at the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons (ACOS) annual conference in New Orleans last fall. He is past president and fellow of the ACOS.

1951

Arthur L. Feldman, Walnutport, Pa. — retired after 32 years in private practice and as member of the medical staff of Allentown Osteopathic Medical Center. He served as president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association, (POMA) president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic General Practitioners Society, (POGPS), chairman of the Lehigh Valley Osteopathic Society and vice-speaker of the American College of General Practitioners in Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. He was named "Physician of the Year" in 1982 by POGPS.

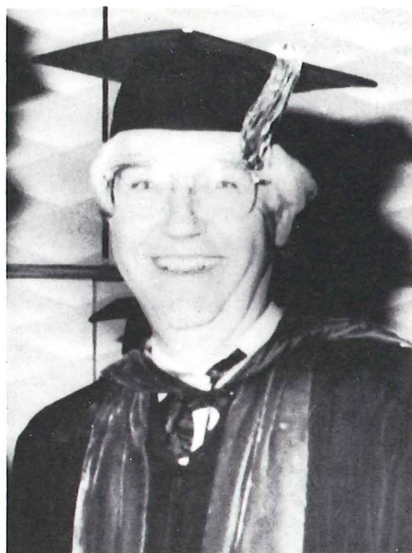
1966

Ronald Kirschner, Penn Valley, Pa. — co-edited a "Symposium on Laser Surgery" that appears in the October edition of *Surgical Clinics of North America*. An otolaryngologist and plastic surgeon, he is director of the Institute for Applied Laser Surgery at PCOM and chief of surgery at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, Pa.

1973

Anthony J. Ferretti, Erie, Pa. — attended the post-graduate seminar of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics, May 1984. He won an award for an outstanding article in *Medical Economics* on the pitfalls encountered by physicians who undertake marketing campaigns. He has been appointed to a one-year term as chairman of the committee on continuing medical education of the POMA.

Donald J. Schnapf, Lancaster, Pa. — appointed to the editorial board of *Computerized Radiology*, the journal of the Computerized Radiology Society. He recently presented a paper, "Radiological Evaluation of Head Trauma," at the Assembly of Osteopathic Specialists. He is a member of the clinical faculty at Georgetown University School of Medicine, a consultant in radiology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and a clinical assistant professor at Hershey Medical Center.



Dr. Elliott



Dr. Kirschner

Eric E. Shore, Wynnewood, Pa. — named a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He is a clinical instructor at Hahnemann University and a preceptor at both Temple University and PCOM.

1975

Gary A. Agia, Turnersville, N.J. — appointed to the Governing Council of the New Jersey Thoracic Society, the medical section of the American Lung Association of New Jersey. He is head of pulmonary medicine and medical director of respiratory therapy at Kennedy Memorial Hospitals — University Medical Center, Washington Township Division.

Robert V. Kiel, Erie, Pa. — participated in the scientific assembly of the American Gastroenterology Association, May 1984. He is board certified in internal medicine and gastroenterology.

1976

Michael Dudnick, Somers Point, N.J. — named medical director of the department of emergency medicine at Shore Memorial Hospital. After an internship at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., he completed a residency in emergency medicine at Los Angeles County Medical Center. He is certified in emergency medicine.

Ted Eisenberg, Philadelphia, Pa., — won first place for his scientific exhibit, "Immediate Reconstruction, Post Mastectomy," at the Clinical Assembly of Osteopathic Specialists, October.

R. Michael Gallagher, Indian Mills, N.J. — presented a paper, "Non-medicinal Treatment of Hypertension," at the annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons in San Diego, November.

Victor H. Kaylarian, Des Moines, Iowa — appointed associate professor and chairman of internal medicine at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences, Des Moines, where he has been on the staff since 1981. He completed an

internship at Zieger-Botsford Hospital, Detroit, and an internal medicine residency at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

1977

Major H. Sprague Taveau, IV, Tacoma, Wash.—won the Physician Recognition Award for developing a new approach to caring for battlefield casualties among highly mobile combat units. He is the second DO to win the award. He is a trustee of the Association of Military Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons and 1985 convention program chairman. In his 11-year Army service he has received a battlefield commission, Bronze Star and Silver Star medal.

1978

Joseph Cable, Whitpain, Pa.—joined Internal Medicine Associates Norristown. He completed an internship and residency at Suburban General Hospital, Norristown, and a fellow-

ship in pulmonary medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital.

James A. M. Smith, Erie, Pa.—will serve as program director for the Third Annual Seminar on Hypertension & Peripheral Vascular Disease, jointly sponsored by Millcreek Community Hospital, Erie and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. The program will be held in Canada in August. Dr. Smith is a specialist in peripheral vascular medicine.

Alfred R. D'Angelo, Shrewsbury, Pa.—named chairman of the resolutions committee of POMA. He also serves on the finance, convention and ethics and grievance committees.

William A. Wewer, Steelton, Pa.—elected president of the medical staff at Community General Osteopathic Hospital, where he completed his internship and residency.

1980

Saul E. Schreiber, Las Vegas, Nev.—opened a practice in advanced dermatology after an internship at Community General Hospital, South Broward, Fla., and a three-year preceptorship.

1981

Frank Romascavage, Brodheadsville, Pa.—opened a practice in his hometown. The location "helps me give back something to the area that I grew up in," he said. He interned at Metropolitan Hospital—Springfield, worked four years in an emergency room and serves on the staff of Palmettown (Pa.) Hospital. He is a Pleasant Valley School District physician.

Frank M. Tursi, Millcreek, Pa.—won a weekend for two in San Francisco from Medical Economics for an original article titled "Our Walk-in Clinic Beat Hospitals to the Punch." Published in December, the article told of tripling his practice at Eastside Medical Center, Erie by accommodating patients in need of immediate treatment of minor injuries on a walk-in basis.

1982

Francis Brooks and **Paul Schmid**, Oviedo, Fla.—turned an abandoned medical clinic in Oviedo, into a full-time family practice center. An article in the local *Seminole Outlook* explained the community's enthusiasm over this venture and described the characteristics of osteopathic medicine.

Among alumni presenting papers at the 89th AOA convention in Las Vegas, November 4 to 8 were: **F. Curtis Hudgins**, 1936, Arlington, Va., "Seven Chronic Low Back Problems which Respond to Sclerotherapy": (past president of the American Osteopathic College of Sclerotherapy.)

Nathaniel W. Boyd, III, 1948, Loganville, Pa.—titled "Non-Surgical Treatment of Hernia,"

Harold C. Walmer, 1952, Elizabethtown, Pa., "The Role of Candida Albicans, Amoeba Limax, and NsOH in Chronic Pain Syndromes"; (preceptor at PCOM and a staff member at Lancaster (Pa.) Osteopathic Hospital.)

Merrill Jay Mirman, 1966, Springfield, Pa., "Varicose Veins—Non-Surgical Treatment"; he is a general practitioner in Springfield, Pa., with special interest in back pain and sclerotherapy. **Lawrence Barfield**, 1975, Farmington Hills, MI, "Drug Reactions"; (assistant clinical professor of family medicine at Michigan State University, College of Osteopathic Medicine),

Andrew L. Kulik, 1976, Spring Valley, Cal., "Sclerotherapy for Beginners"; he is on the staffs of Mission Bay and Hillside Hospitals in San Diego and is (a member of the family practice department of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific.)



Captains Shiels, Hubickey, Frison and Pliskin

1983

William E. Shiels, II, **Walter J. Hubickey**, **Lisa M. Frison** and **Marc J. Pliskin**, completed internships at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii. Capt. Frison, who was one of 26 officers out of 179 to pass a combat medical course entitling her to the "expert" field medical badge, is general medical officer at Camp Red Cloud, near Seoul, Korea. Capt. Hubickey is completing special forces (Green Beret) and flight surgeon training in Panama. Capt. Pliskin is a general medical officer, specializing in urology, at Fort Bragg, N.C. Capt. Shiels is taking a radiology residency at Tripler.

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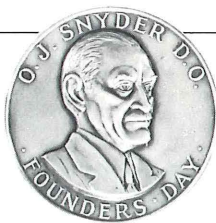
and Richard Catell at the Lahey Clinic, Boston, and with Dr. Isadore S. Ravdin at the University of Pennsylvania.

A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgeons and the American Academy of Osteopathy, he served as president of the American Osteopathic Association in 1959-60, during the turbulent osteopathic battle of California versus the establishment. "The goal of the California dissidents was to annihilate the osteopathic profession," he remembers. "Why? Because their wives were ashamed to tell allopathic physicians' wives at bridge games that their husbands were DOs."

"The trouble began brewing in the 1940s. I warned the AOA board for years that the Californians were building up their war chest." Dr. Young judiciously permitted the "dissidents" to leave, enabling them to obtain their coveted "so-called little MD degree." The AOA lost about 1700 and retained about 500 California members.

Fourteen- to 16-hour days, five days a week, are typical. Dr. Young has been in practice 49½ years, with offices in Philadelphia, Chester, Swarthmore and Bala Cynwyd. At his present Bala Cynwyd office, he shares office space in a converted residence with his son, Galen D. Young, DO, class of 1965. A treatment table occupies the place of honor, immediately opposite the entrance. Dr. Young's desk is tucked unobtrusively in a corner. Wood, leather and carpeting in muted tones connote conventionality and conservatism. When he clasps his hands over his chest, he covers the key from Phi Sigma Gamma (of which he was national president) and the gold watch (a gift from his children) which hang from a handsome gold fob that's "two generations old."

"You know," he sighs, "osteopathic medical education has undergone a tremendous mutation. In the 1920s and '30s, the opinions of experienced professors were respected and accepted



O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal, awarded each Founders Day to an alumnus for loyalty and service to the college and to the osteopathic profession.

by students. Today, professors offer numerous treatment options to students, who have to siphon out the best treatments in their early years of practice, with very limited experience. In the 1920s, my professors would say, 'This is the treatment for this disease,' or 'This is the technique for this operation.'

"Today, we have 15 or 20 techniques for the same operative procedure. Sure, professors should show the students all the options, but then they should be more specific. They should say, 'This is the best technique, and here's why.'"

It's 3:00 p.m. He's been in the operating room at HPCOM since 8:00 a.m., and patients are beginning to fill the waiting room. If he's lucky, he'll be home before midnight. But he still has to hammer home a point about osteopathic medical education at his beloved alma mater: "If students are not imbued with osteopathic concepts and principles, and if they do not implement those practices, there will no longer be a need for osteopathic medicine." He cites recent statistics from the Philadelphia County Medical Society that DOs perform 65 to 70 per cent of the general practice in Philadelphia.

Dr. Young battles intermittently with the administration of "the institution," PCOM. "I shoot from both hips," he says, "but I shoot straight."

"The institution" must appreciate his straight shooting, because this year PCOM added to his roles as distinguished surgeon and educator, loyal alumnus, administrator and leader—that of honored recipient of the O.J. Snyder Memorial Medal.

And, as Dr. Tilley said in his introduction, "No one deserves it more." ■

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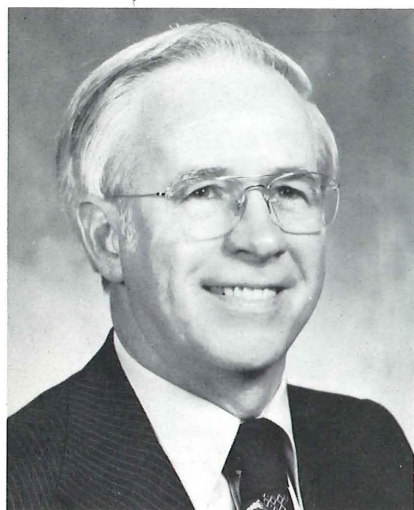
A 1980 photo shows Dr. Tilley as mystery rider in the American Cancer Society's bike-a-thon.

and from his vintage-1850 home in Powelton Village. The only concession he makes is in wardrobe. "I travel in jeans and a 'transport' shirt. It used to be easy for me to put on a white coat. Now the finish level is higher—I keep suits in my office to change into."

His family comprises his wife Betty, who teaches at Miquon School, and seven children, some his, some hers, and one, the six-year-old, theirs. On a shelf in his office is a black-and-white photo of himself and two teenagers, gray with soot and grime after insulating the crawl space in the attic of the house they were renovating. The picture, taken by someone using up a roll of film, captures the honest, straightforward nature of the new president. Along with some books and plants, the photo is one of the few personal touches he has placed so far in the office he inherited; PCOM memorabilia are being framed for the large blank wall.

Apparently, there are pros and cons to the demanding presidency. Dr. Tilley no longer has an opportunity to practice radiology, and it is often difficult to leave the office to get home to his family. On the other hand, he hopes that he can leave his desired impact on the institution he has served for many years. ■

In Memoriam



John Weitzel, DO



Herman E. Poppe, DO



William J. McCarter

Alfred George Churchill '37, Arlington, Va., died November 1. He was 79. Born in India of American missionary parents, he came to this country in 1917, settled in Oberlin, Oh., and attended Oberlin College. He was a past president of the Virginia Society of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, the International Academy of Metabolism, the Capital Academy of Nutrition and the Arlington Rotary Club. He is survived by his widow, two sons and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to PCOM's Student Loan Fund.

James M. Hotham '37, York, Pa., died July 28. He was a pediatrician.

William D. Hollstein '38, Westfield, N.J., died January 28, 1984. He was 80. In addition to his DO degree he held an engineering degree from Lowell (Mass.) Textile Institute and a science degree from New York University. He practiced general medicine, and was a life member of the New Jersey Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons. He is survived by his widow, one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.

Frederick Anne '41, Narberth, Pa., died October 23. He was 71. Dr. Anne was health officer of Narberth and served on the Pennsylvania State Board of Osteopathic Examiners. He is survived by his widow, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Andrew C. Bowdle '42, Lakeland, Fla., died November 14. He was 77. A physical education major at West Chester State Teachers College, Pa., he coached teams at Milford (Del.) High School and the University of Delaware. He practiced for 25 years in Jenkintown, Pa., ran a blood clinic in Indianapolis, and retired in Florida in 1984. He is survived by his widow.

Oscar H. Katz '45, Cherry Hill, N.J. died September 15, 1983. He was 62. He opened a general practice in Paulsboro, N.J. in 1947 and also specialized in peripheral vascular surgery. He devoted considerable time to the Jewish Geriatric Home in Cherry Hill and received its 1974 Distinguished Service Award. He is survived by his widow, one son, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Herman E. Poppe '46, Lansdowne, Pa., died Dec. 21. He was 69. After an internship at HPCOM, he served a five-year preceptorship with James M. Eaton, DO '28, PCOM's chairman of orthopedic surgery, trustee and treasurer. Dr. Poppe joined PCOM's faculty in 1952 and rose from instructor to clinical professor of orthopedic surgery. When Dr. Eaton died in 1961, Dr. Poppe was appointed chairman of the division of orthopedic surgery, a position he served until 1975. He was active in the AOA, POMA, ACOS and served on the board of directors of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics. He retired in 1976 and served as a consultant in his specialty. He is survived by his wife, the former Mary Lightcap, and a son, the Rev. Kenneth. Memorial contributions may be sent to The OMCP.

John Weitzel '51, Harrison, Mich., died December 2. He was 61. Dr. Weitzel opened a family practice in Harrison in 1953 and became an active member of that community. In addition to serving on PCOM's alumni board of directors, he was a trustee, former medical director and three-time chief of staff of Clare Community Hospital. He served as Clare County coroner, deputy medical examiner, team physician for the Harrison Community Schools, director of the First America Bank and past president of the Lions Club. During his student days, he was president of Phi Sigma Gamma medical fraternity. He is survived by his widow, four sons, three daughters and one grandchild.

G. Richard Hartz '55, Lititz, Pa., died November 3. He was 53. A specialist in obstetrics and gynecology, he practiced in Lancaster for 25 years. He was past president of the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists, past president of the staff at Lancaster Osteopathic Hospital and chairman of the hospital's department of ob/gyn. As a hobby, he bred and trained labrador retrievers. He is survived by his widow, his parents and two sons.

William J. McCarter, Wynnewood, Pa., member of PCOM's board of trustees for 27 years, died December 13. He was 80. Mr. McCarter, a noted Philadelphia realtor, served as chairman of the board's real estate committee and was actively involved in the negotiations for the Moss estate, The OMCP's location at City Avenue. He has been a real estate broker since 1940 and was responsible for much of the development in the City Line area, from the Schuylkill to Lancaster Pike. He often made real estate headlines by negotiating the sale of the Presidential Apartments and the acquisition of the Wyndmoor estate for Temple University's future campus. He served as vice president of the Union League and was active in the Military Order of World Wars and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, two sons and eight grandchildren.

COMING EVENTS

1985

March 30	Student Council Dinner Dance	University City Sheraton
April 13	Gene Banker Society Luncheon	Twelve Caesars
April 27	PCOM Nurse Alumnae Banquet & Reunions	Williamson's, Top of GSB
May 5	Student Associate Auxiliary Luncheon	Casa Maria
June 2	Inauguration of the President Commencement	Academy of Music
June 19-21	AACOM—5th Educational Conference	Key Biscayne, Florida
September 8-14	National Osteopathic Medicine Week	
November 10-14	AOA Convention	Atlanta, Georgia

1986

January 24, 25	Founders Day/ Alumni Weekend Reunions: Classes of 1921; 1926; 1931; 1936; 1941; 1946; 1951; 1956; 1961; 1966; 1971; 1976; 1981 Post Founders Day CME Seminar	Philadelphia St. Thomas, V.I.
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Warren Tucker, DO '35, Tonawanda, N.Y., shared this photo of 1934 graduates of PCOM's School of Nursing: l-r the late Mrs. Tucker, Eleanor Servies; Alison Baldwin Antell; Georgiana Varner Baker; Sue Smoker Hummel and Ruth Treager Murphy.